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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Plaintiff,

v.

RAFAEL SANTIAGO (1),
ABNER BETECH (2),
SAID BETECH (3),
AVIVA BETECH (4),
ANGEL ARMENDARIZ (5),
LUCETTE MONTANE (6),
Defendants.

Magistrate Case No. _____

C O M P L A I N T F O R

V I O L A T I O N O F

Title 18, U.S.C., Sec. 1343 - Wire
Fraud;
Title 18, U.S.C., Sec. 2 - Aiding
And Abetting

The undersigned Complainant, being duly sworn, states:

Beginning in about a date unknown, and continuing thereafter
through at least November 2006, in the Southern District of California
and elsewhere, defendants RAFAEL SANTIAGO, ABNER BETECH, SAID BETECH,
AVIVA BETECH, ANGEL ARMENDARIZ, LUCETTE MONTANE, and others, did
knowingly devise a scheme and artifice to defraud and to obtain money
and property by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses,
representations and promises.

THE DEFENDANTS

In about 2005, Defendants ABNER BETECH, SAID BETECH, and others started Creative Financial Solutions, Inc. ("CFS"), a mortgage brokering company located at 707 Broadway Avenue, Suite 1720, San Diego, California. CFS sent loan application packages and other documents to lenders for review and funding. CFS did not itself fund loans, but received commissions from lenders when loans closed.

Beginning in about a date unknown, and continuing through at least November 2006, Defendants RAFAEL SANTIAGO, ABNER BETECH, SAID BETECH, AVIVA BETECH, ANGEL ARMENDARIZ and LUCETTE MONTANE were loan officers at CFS. As loan officers, Defendants RAFAEL SANTIAGO, ABNER BETECH, SAID BETECH, AVIVA BETECH, ANGEL ARMENDARIZ and LUCETTE MONTANE sent loan application packages and other documents to lenders for review and funding, and received commissions from lenders when loans closed. In addition to commissions, Defendants RAFAEL SANTIAGO, ABNER BETECH, SAID BETECH, AVIVA BETECH, ANGEL ARMENDARIZ and LUCETTE MONTANE received payments from lenders, the sellers, and buyers when loans closed.

Beginning in about a date unknown, and continuing through at least November 2006, Defendant AVIVA BETECH operated CFS Realty, a sister company that was located in the same office suite as CFS. CFS Realty provided realty services for clients that were looking to purchase a home. On February 13, 2002, the California Department of Real Estate issued AVIVA BETECH "salesperson" license. The license expires on July 17, 2010.

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THE LENDERS

First Franklin Financial is a mortgage lender with a branch located at 2150 North 1st Street, San Jose (hereinafter "First Franklin").

New Century Mortgage is a mortgage lender with a branch located at 3121 Michelson Drive, 6th Floor, Irvine, California (hereinafter "New Century").

Fremont Investment & Loan is a mortgage lender with a branch located at 2727 East Imperial Highway, Brea, California (hereinafter "Freemont Investment").

Valley Vista Mortgage was a mortgage lender with a branch located at 4747 Viewridge Avenue, Suite 200, San Diego, California (hereinafter "Valley Vista").

MortgageIT is a mortgage lender with a branch located at 33 Maiden Lane, New York, New York (hereinafter "MortgageIT").

Argent Mortgage is a mortgage lender with a branch located at 2030 Main Street, Suite 1030, Irvine, California (hereinafter "Argent").

THE SCHEME

As part of the scheme, defendants RAFAEL SANTIAGO, ABNER BETECH, SAID BETECH, AVIVA BETECH, ANGEL ARMENDARIZ, LUCETTE MONTANE, and others induced First Franklin, New Century, Fremont Investment, Valley Vista, MortgageIT, and Argent and other financial institutions (collectively, "the Lenders") to fund loans by:

a. intentionally concealing the true purchase price of the homes to be purchased by submitting materially false, fraudulent, and misleading purchase contracts;

1 b. submitting materially false, fraudulent, and misleading
2 loan application packages;

3 c. intentionally concealing the fair market value of the
4 homes to be purchased by submitting materially false, fraudulent, and
5 misleading appraisals;

6 d. intentionally concealing the true purchase price of the
7 homes to be purchased by changing MLS listings to reflect the inflated
8 purchase price;

9 e. submitting materially false, fraudulently, and
10 misleading bank statements and other forms of income documentation;

11 f. using straw borrowers' identity information without
12 consent to obtain loans from the Lenders;

13 g. using facsimiles and using, causing to be used, and
14 aiding and abetting the use of wire transfers of money to commit the
15 fraud;

16 h. intentionally concealing from the Lenders payments made
17 outside of the purchase contracts to the defendants, the buyers, and
18 the sellers;

19 i. using later resales of the properties to fraudulently
20 obtain additional funds from the Lenders and intentionally conceal the
21 fraud from the Lenders; and

22 j. acting as the realtor for the buyer to fraudulently
23 obtain additional funds from the Lenders and intentionally conceal the
24 fraud from the Lenders.

25 It also was part of the scheme that defendants RAFAEL SANTIAGO,
26 ABNER BETECH, SAID BETECH, AVIVA BETECH, ANGEL ARMENDARIZ, LUCETTE
27 MONTANE, and others, through the foregoing false and fraudulent
28 representations and concealments, induced Lenders to fund, from

1 November 2005 through November 2006, at least 21 fraudulent loans in
2 excess of \$16,000,000, causing an actual loss of in excess of
3 \$3,800,000 on the fraudulent loans, and an additional potential loss
4 of over \$1,000,000 to Lenders for properties that have been foreclosed
5 or are in foreclosure. These loss amounts do not include unpaid
6 mortgage payments, or costs of carrying or selling the real estate
7 once it is bank owned.

8 It also was part of the scheme that defendants RAFAEL SANTIAGO,
9 ABNER BETECH, SAID BETECH, AVIVA BETECH, ANGEL ARMENDARIZ, LUCETTE
10 MONTANE, and others, through the foregoing false and fraudulent
11 representations and concealments, obtained from the Lenders over
12 \$250,000 in commissions paid to CFS, over \$300,000 in commissions paid
13 to CFS Realty, over \$250,000 in kickbacks to buyers and mortgage
14 brokers from the sellers, and over \$1,000,000 in kickbacks to the
15 buyers and mortgage brokers from the finalized HUD-1's.

16 On or about the dates set forth below, in the Southern District
17 of California and elsewhere, defendants RAFAEL SANTIAGO, ABNER BETECH,
18 SAID BETECH, AVIVA BETECH, ANGEL ARMENDARIZ, LUCETTE MONTANE, and
19 others, for the purpose of executing and attempting to execute the
20 aforementioned scheme to defraud and to obtain money and property by
21 false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises, did,
22 with the intent to defraud, knowingly transmit, cause to be
23 transmitted, and aided and abetted the transmission by wire
24 communication in interstate commerce, certain writings, signs, signals
25 and sounds as alleged below:

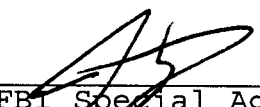
COUNT	DATE	SENDER	WIRE ADDRESSEE	ITEM
1	05/31/06	CFS	First Franklin, San Jose, CA	Loan Application

2	06/05/06	First Franklin	Asset Escrow, Chula Vista, CA	First and Second Loan Funds
3	08/10/06	CFS	First Franklin, San Jose, CA	Loan Application
4	08/28/06	First Franklin	Southland Title, Temecula, CA	First and Second Loan Funds
5	03/21/06	CFS	First Franklin, San Jose, CA	Loan Application
6	03/23/06	First Franklin	Asset Escrow, Temecula, CA	First and Second Loan Funds
7	04/23/06	Asset Escrow	Bank of America	\$115,000.00
8	01/30/06	CFS	First Franklin, San Jose, CA	A Purchase Contract
9	03/28/06	First Franklin	Heritage Escrow, Chula Vista, CA	First and Second Loan Funds
10	03/24/06	CFS	First Franklin, San Jose, CA	A Purchase Contract
11	04/17/06	First Franklin	Asset Escrow, Chula Vista, CA	First and Second Loan Funds

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1343 and 2.

And the Complainant states that this Complaint is based on the attached Statement of Facts, which is incorporated herein by reference.

Signature of Complainant


FBI Special Agent
Official Title

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, June 13th, 2008.


HONORABLE PETER C. LEWIS
United States Magistrate

1 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
 2)
 3 Plaintiff,)
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 5 v.)
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 7 RAFAEL SANTIAGO (1),)
 8 ABNER BETECH (2),)
 9 SAID BETECH (3),)
 10 AVIVA BETECH (4),)
 11 ANGEL ARMENDARIZ (5),)
 12 LUCETTE MONTANE (6),)
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 14 Defendants.)
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STATEMENT OF FACTS

11 Creative Financial Solutions, Inc. ("CFS") was a mortgage
 12 brokerage firm located at 707 Broadway Avenue, Suite 1720, San Diego,
 13 California. CFS provided home financing for buyers. CFS was owned
 14 and operated by Defendants ABNER BETECH and SAID BETECH. Defendants
 15 RAFAEL SANTIAGO, ABNER BETECH, SAID BETECH, AVIVA BETECH, ANGEL
 16 ARMENDARIZ, and LUCETTE MONTANE were loan officer at CFS. CFS Realty,
 17 a sister company that was located in the same office suite, was run
 18 by Defendant AVIVA BETECH. CFS Realty provided realty services for
 19 clients that were looking to purchase a home. According to the
 20 California Department of Real Estate on-line public license search,
 21 on February 13, 2002, Defendant AVIVA BETECH was issued "salesperson"
 22 license. It expires on July 17, 2010.

23 The Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI"), San Diego Division,
 24 began investigating CFS after being contacted by Barbara Macias.
 25 Macias is the owner of San Diego Homes Network ("SDHN"). In January
 26 of 2006, Defendant AVIVA BETECH from CFS Realty contacted SDHN
 27 regarding a property SDHN was listing for sale. Defendant AVIVA
 28 BETECH made an offer to buy the property for \$1,550,000, even though

1 the property was listed for sale at \$1,400,000. The purchase contract
2 had an addendum attached stating that the seller was to wire the buyer
3 \$100,000 within 24 hours of close of escrow. The purchase contract
4 did not have the appropriate box checked showing that there was an
5 addendum to the purchase contract. When this was brought to her
6 attention, Defendant AVIVA BETECH explained that she does this all the
7 time. Defendant AVIVA BETECH was not going to show the lender that
8 there was an addendum to the purchase contract. Due to Defendant
9 AVIVA BETECH's unwillingness to disclose the addendum, SDHN declined
10 the offer.

11 Through investigation, the FBI and Internal Revenue Service
12 ("IRS") have learned that CFS and CFS Realty were engaged in an
13 extensive fraud scheme that utilized wire transfers of money and
14 facsimiles of documents to carry out the fraud. Specifically, CFS
15 obtained mortgage loans for unqualified or unknowing borrowers by
16 doing the following:

17 a. intentionally concealing the true purchase price of the
18 homes to be purchased by submitting materially false, fraudulent, and
19 misleading purchase contracts;

20 b. submitting materially false, fraudulent, and misleading
21 loan application packages;

22 c. intentionally concealing the fair market value of the
23 homes to be purchased by submitting materially false, fraudulent, and
24 misleading appraisals;

25 d. intentionally concealing the true purchase price of the
26 homes to be purchased by changing listings by the Combined San Diego
27 Multiple Listing Service, Inc. to reflect the inflated purchase price;
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1 e. submitting materially false, fraudulently, and
2 misleading bank statements and other forms of income documentation;

3 f. using straw borrowers' identity information without
4 consent to obtain loans from the Lenders;

5 g. using facsimiles and using, causing to be used, and
6 aiding and abetting the use of wire transfers of money to commit the
7 fraud;

8 h. intentionally concealing from the Lenders payments made
9 outside of the purchase contracts to the defendants, the buyers, and
10 the sellers;

11 i. using later resales of the properties to fraudulently
12 obtain additional funds from the Lenders and intentionally conceal the
13 fraud from the Lenders; and

14 j. acting as the realtor for the buyer to fraudulently
15 obtain additional funds from the Lenders and intentionally conceal the
16 fraud from the Lenders.

17 Under CFS's scheme, Defendants received money in two ways.
18 First, for each fraudulent loan, CFS or CFS Realty would receive a
19 commission. Second, CFS utilized inflated values on the properties
20 purchased. The difference between the actual value and the inflated
21 value would be given as a "kickback" at closing to the buyer and
22 eventually Defendants. Some of the money for the kickback was paid
23 by the seller and some of it was paid out of escrow as specified on
24 the finalized HUD-1 of the transaction.

25 The FBI analyzed 21 loans, from November of 2005 through August
26 of 2006, as examples of fraudulent loans that were handled by
27 Defendants while at CFS or CFS Realty. Of these 21 loans, 18 of the
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1 loans have been foreclosed or are in the foreclosure process. The
2 fraudulent loan volume for the 21 loans totals \$16,159,750.

3 The six lenders associated with these 21 loans includes the
4 following: (1) First Franklin Financial is a mortgage lender with a
5 branch located at 2150 North 1st Street, San Jose (hereinafter "First
6 Franklin"); (2) New Century Mortgage is a mortgage lender with a
7 branch located at 3121 Michelson Drive, 6th Floor, Irvine, California
8 (hereinafter "New Century"); (3) Fremont Investment & Loan is a
9 mortgage lender with a branch located at 2727 East Imperial Highway,
10 Brea, California (hereinafter "Freemont Investment"); (4) Valley Vista
11 Mortgage was a mortgage lender with a branch located at 4747 Viewridge
12 Avenue, Suite 200, San Diego, California (hereinafter "Valley
13 Vista"); (5) MortgageIT is a mortgage lender with a branch located at
14 33 Maiden Lane, New York, New York (hereinafter "MortgageIT"); and
15 (6) Argent Mortgage is a mortgage lender with a branch located at 2030
16 Main Street, Suite 1030, Irvine, California (hereinafter "Argent")
17 (collectively, "the Lenders").

18 The Lenders and/or borrowers paid Defendants through CFS illicit
19 commissions totaling \$297,837. The Lenders and/or borrowers paid
20 Defendants through CFS Realty illicit commissions totaling \$371,866.
21 The sellers paid kickbacks to the buyers and eventually Defendants
22 totaling \$297,789.85. As reflected on the finalized HUD-1's, the
23 Lenders and escrow companies paid kickbacks to the buyers and
24 eventually Defendants totaling \$1,031,624.

25 The Lenders have suffered an actual loss of at least \$3,902,500.
26 The Lenders will likely suffer an additional potential loss of at
27 least \$1,214,950. Thus, for properties that have been foreclosed or
28 are in foreclosure, the Lenders are facing actual and potential losses

1 in excess of \$5,117,450. These loss amounts do not include unpaid
2 mortgage payments, or costs of carrying or selling the real estate
3 once it is bank owned.

4 FIVE OF THE 21 PROPERTIES

5 877 Island Avenue

6 In about the month of May 2006, Defendants RAFAEL SANTIAGO, ABNER
7 BETECH, and AVIVA BETECH submitted, caused to be submitted, and aided
8 and abetted the submission of loan applications for the purchase of
9 a property by Gloria Agundez at 877 Island Avenue, #602, San Diego,
10 California. The applications were seeking a 100% financed first and
11 second loan from First Franklin for \$880,000 and \$220,000,
12 respectively.

13 The loan applications claimed that Ms. Agundez was earning
14 \$301,000 per year being employed by U.S. Mergers. However, Ms.
15 Agundez never worked for U.S. Mergers and U.S. Mergers does not exist
16 as a functioning entity.

17 The applications attached fraudulent bank statements from
18 Washington Mutual ("WaMu") to prove income. The WaMu statements
19 submitted contained a balance that was fraudulently inflated.
20 Moreover, the WaMu statements submitted listed transactions that were
21 untrue.

22 According to the finalized HUD-1, \$174,000 was disbursed to
23 Defendants RAFAEL SANTIAGO and ABNER BETECH from the seller. On
24 June 5, 2006, Asset Escrow wired \$143,745 into Defendant RAFAEL
25 SANTIAGO's Bank of America account ending 1246 and wired \$30,255 into
26 Defendant ABNER BETECH's Wells Fargo account ending 2246. Also, from
27 reviewing the loan file, the appraisal and conditional loan approval
28 were addressed to Defendant ABNER BETECH.

1 Defendant AVIVA BETECH was listed as the realtor for the buyer.
2 On May 2, 2006, the MLS listed the property sale between \$845,000-
3 \$925,000. On May 4, 2006, the MLS listing price was raised to
4 \$925,000-\$1,125,000.

5 On May 31, 2006, CFS sent via facsimile a loan application. This
6 application was received by First Franklin. On or about May 31, 2006,
7 based upon the scheme, First Franklin wired funds for the first and
8 second loans to escrow to complete the loan transaction. Next, the
9 escrow company paid commissions of \$24,000 to CFS Realty and \$21,123
10 to CFS.

11 On July 19, 2006, Defendant RAFAEL SANTIAGO made an electronic
12 payment of \$1,817.99 to a memorandum entry with the word "Agundez."
13 Ms. Agundez was interviewed by the FBI. Ms. Agundez stated that
14 Defendant RAFAEL SANTIAGO stole her identity, she did not sign the
15 loan application, and she does not work for U.S. Mergers. She stated
16 that U.S. Mergers is owned by Defendant RAFAEL SANTIAGO.

17 The property was foreclosed on March 21, 2007. The property was
18 sold on February 26, 2008 for \$591,000. The Lender's actual loss was
19 \$509,000, not including additional costs.

20 1642 7th Avenue, #221

21 In about the month of August 2006, Defendant ABNER BETECH
22 submitted, caused to be submitted, and aided and abetted the
23 submission of loan applications for the purchase of a property by Jose
24 L. Fernandez at 1642 7th Avenue, #221, San Diego, California. The
25 applications were seeking a 100% financed first and second loan from
26 First Franklin for \$440,000 and \$110,000, respectively.

27 The loan applications claimed that Mr. Fernandez was earning
28 \$143,000 per year being employed by U.S. Mergers. However,

1 Mr. Fernandez never worked for U.S. Mergers and U.S. Mergers does not
2 exist as a functioning entity.

3 The HUD-1 listed the buyer's current address as CFS's address at
4 the time of funding.

5 On August 10, 2006, CFS sent via facsimile a loan application.
6 This application was received by First Franklin. On or about
7 August 28, 2006, based upon the scheme, First Franklin wired funds for
8 the first and second loans to escrow to complete the loan transaction.
9 Next, the escrow company paid a commission of \$16,954 to CFS.

10 On September 12, 2006, Southland Title Corporation Temecula
11 Escrow Division issued a check to the sellers, Angelo Marcus and Eli
12 Cohen, in the amount of \$97,789.85. Mr. Marcus and Mr. Cohen endorsed
13 and signed over to Defendant ABNER BETECH. On September 22, 2006,
14 this check was deposited into Defendant ABNER BETECH's Bank of America
15 account ending 0062. On September 25, 2006, Defendant ABNER BETECH
16 wrote a cashier's check to Mr. Marcus for \$15,000. On September 27,
17 2006, Defendant ABNER BETECH wrote another cashier's check to Mr.
18 Marcus for \$15,000.

19 The property was foreclosed on October 8, 2007. The property is
20 currently listed for sale at \$289,900. The Lender's potential loss
21 is \$260,100, not including additional costs.

22 1009 Hawthorne Creek Drive

23 In about the month of March 2006, Defendants RAFAEL SANTIAGO and
24 SAID BETECH submitted, caused to be submitted, and aided and abetted
25 the submission of loan applications for the purchase of a property by
26 Shamika Copenhagen at 1009 Hawthorne Creek Drive, San Diego,
27 California. The applications were seeking a 100% financed first and
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1 second loan from First Franklin for \$1,200,000 and \$300,000,
2 respectively.

3 The loan applications claimed that Ms. Copenhagen was earning
4 \$337,521.19 per year being employed by U.S. Mergers. However, Ms.
5 Copenhagen never worked for U.S. Mergers and U.S. Mergers does not
6 exist as a functioning entity.

7 The applications attached fraudulent bank statements from
8 Washington Mutual ("WaMu") to prove income. The WaMu statements
9 submitted contained a balance that was fraudulently inflated.
10 Moreover, the WaMu statements submitted listed transactions that were
11 untrue.

12 On or about March 31, 2006, the seller, Martha Amaya, wrote a
13 check to Defendant SAID BETECH dated March 31, 2006 in the amount of
14 \$200,000. On or about March 31, 2006, this \$200,000 check was
15 deposited into Defendant SAID BETECH's Washington Mutual Bank account
16 ending 6371.

17 On or about April 4, 2006, Defendant SAID BETECH wired \$130,000
18 from his Washington Mutual account ending 6371 into Defendant RAFAEL
19 SANTIAGO's Bank of America account ending 1246. On or about April 11,
20 2006, Defendant RAFAEL SANTIAGO wrote a check dated April 15, 2006 to
21 Ms. Copenhagen in the amount of \$15,000. On or about on April 11,
22 2006, the funds are withdrawn for this \$15,000 check from Defendant
23 RAFAEL SANTIAGO's Bank of America account ending 1246.

24 On January 30, 2006, CFS sent via facsimile a purchase contract.
25 This purchase contract was received by First Franklin. On or about
26 March 28, 2006, based upon the scheme, First Franklin wired funds for
27 the first and second loans to escrow to complete the loan transaction.
28 Next, the escrow company paid a commission of \$38,423 to CFS.

1 The property was foreclosed on May 3, 2007. The property was
2 sold on March 13, 2008 for \$700,000. The Lender's actual loss was
3 \$800,000, not including additional costs.

4 14444 Rock Rose

5 In about the month of April 2006, Defendant AVIVA BETECH
6 submitted, caused to be submitted, and aided and abetted the
7 submission of loan applications for the purchase of a property by
8 Daniel Garcia at 14444 Rock Rose, San Diego, California. The
9 applications were seeking a 100% financed first and second loan from
10 First Franklin for \$1,092,000 and \$373,000, respectively.

11 The loan applications claimed that Mr. Garcia was earning
12 \$334,000 per year being employed by RP MICH. However, Mr. Garcia
13 never worked for RP MICH.

14 The applications attached fraudulent bank statements from
15 Washington Mutual ("WaMu") to prove income. The WaMu statements
16 submitted contained a balance that was fraudulently inflated.
17 Moreover, the WaMu statements submitted listed transactions that were
18 untrue.

19 On the purchase contract, Defendant AVIVA BETECH of CFS Realty
20 is listed as the "selling firms" realtor. On April 25, 2006, CFS
21 wrote two checks to Defendant AVIVA BETECH. One check is for \$10,000
22 with the memo line "commission loan garcia," the other is for \$21,250
23 with the memo line "commission garcia R.E." On April 26, 2006,
24 Defendant AVIVA BETECH deposited these checks into her Wells Fargo
25 account ending 8326.

26 On March 24, 2006, CFS sent via facsimile a purchase contract.
27 This purchase contract was received by First Franklin. On or about
28 April 17, based upon the scheme, First Franklin wired funds for the

1 first and second loans to escrow to complete the loan transaction.
2 Next, the escrow company paid commissions of \$25,000 to CFS Realty and
3 \$35,119 to CFS.

4 The property was foreclosed on March 22, 2007. The property was
5 sold on October 19, 2007 for \$905,000. The Lender's actual loss was
6 \$460,000, not including additional costs.

7 1205 Pacific Highway, #202

8 In about the month of March 2006, Defendants ANGEL ARMENDARIZ and
9 LUCETTE MONTANE submitted, caused to be submitted, and aided and
10 abetted the submission of loan applications for the purchase of a
11 property by Francisco Garcia at 1205 Pacific Highway, #202, San Diego,
12 California. The applications were seeking a 100% financed first and
13 second loan from First Franklin for \$672,000 and \$168,000,
14 respectively.

15 The loan applications claimed that Mr. Garcia was earning
16 \$268,290 per year being employed by Alvarez/Garcia Custom Tiles.
17 However, Mr. Garcia's income was significantly overstated.

18 The HUD-1 listed a third party pay-off on to Defendant LUCETTE
19 MONTANE for \$115,000. On April 3, 2006, Asset Escrow wired \$115,000
20 into Defendant LUCETTE MONTANE's Bank of America account ending 0733.

21 Defendant LUCETTE MONTANE wrote a check dated April 17, 2006 from
22 her Bank of America account ending 0733 payable to Defendant ANGEL
23 ARMENDARIZ in the amount of \$21,500. On April 19, 2006, Defendant
24 ANGEL ARMENDARIZ deposited the check into his Washington Mutual Bank
25 account ending 7884. On May 2, 2006, Defendant LUCETTE MONTANE wrote
26 a check to Defendant SAID BETECH for \$13,446 with the memo line
27 stating "consulting fee-garcia." On or about May 4, 2006, this
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1 \$13,466 check was deposited into Defendant SAID BETECH's Washington
2 Mutual Bank account ending 6371.

3 On January 13, 2006, the MLS listed the home between
4 \$657,000-\$695,000. On February 13, 2006, the MLS listing price was
5 raised to \$750,000-\$825,000.

6 On March 21, 2006, CFS sent via facsimile a loan application.
7 This application was received by First Franklin. On or about
8 March 23, 2006, based upon the scheme, First Franklin wired funds for
9 the first and second loans to escrow to complete the loan transaction.
10 Next, the escrow company paid commissions of \$12,250 to CFS Realty and
11 \$24,520 to CFS.

12 The property was foreclosed on March 16, 2007. The property was
13 sold on October 12, 2007 for \$630,000. The Lender's actual loss was
14 \$210,000, not including additional costs.